# BIG GUNS PRESAGE GERMAN OFFENSIVE

FORTY-ONE OTHER NEGROES GET LIFE SENTENCE Artillery Duels of Magnitude Are in Progress From the Japanese authorities. North Sea to the Adriatic

#### SUPREME EFFORT BEFORE U. S. TROOPS ARRIVE

On the British Front Huge Numbers of Airplanes Are Engaging in Battles or Searching Out Points Where Troops Are Concentrating-Daily Reinforcements for the Teutons Have Given Them Superior Numbers on All Fronts -On the Northern Front in Italy the Artillery Fighting is Intense-In Russia the Counter-Revolution Movement Headed by General Kaledines is Growing in Strength—The Situation in Moscow is Said to be Serious.

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ing the seriousness of the situation, considerable forces of troops from the Russian front are being rushed from the trenches to give battle to Kaledines' Cossacks.

TRANSPORTATION OF MAIL

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Is Indicated in Notice. Received

Hartford Calling for Bids.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 11 .- That the

mail in order to relieve the railroads

MOTOR VEHICLES FOR

Along the entire western front from the North sea to the Adriatic artillery duels of great magnitude are being fought which doubtless are the forerunners of the expected great offensive the Teutonic allies have in view before the American troops can reach the fore the American troops can reach the pattle fronts in great numbers. the Tentonic allies have in view before the American troops can reach the
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On the Ypres and Arras fronts held
by the British, on various sectors eastward from St. Quentin to Alsace, in
the hill country bordering the Italian
plains and at points along the Piate
river the big guns everywhere are in
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in the Cape Sile region, but
later were driven out with heavy losses
in killed and men made prisoner.

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movement headed by General Kalecines is growing in strength. Realizriver the big guns everywhere are in

On the British front huge numbers On the British front huge numbers of airplanes are continuously winging their way to the battle lines, engaging in battles in the air or searching out points where troops are being concentrated. The only infantry activity taking place on any of the fronts is in the nature of raiding operations.

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INDUSTRY AT FORT SMITH, ARK. PARALYZED BY STRIKE ppeals Have Been Made to Wash on and State Officials for Relief.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 11 .- The general strike situation here was un- United States government is to use changed today, all industry being paralyzed by the want of power. Voluminous telegraphic appeals to Washington and the state capital for relief have been made by business interests.

The injunction granted against inposals to be received by February 1. been made by business interests, injunction granted against intence by strikers with the operation of the power house proved abortout between New York and Hartycesterdaye for the reason that raction company refused to take asks under the protection offered, officials of the county and city of the protection the traction any deemed necessary and it is ted that light and power will be by tonight.

MANY MADE PEACE

OVERTURES IN SEPTEMBER

on Secretary Balfour is Told the House of Commons.

Intended by February 1, 1918, making bids for a motor mail route between New York and Hartycord. The cars will go to New York and stance of 105 miles. The schedule calls for the motor truck to leave Hartford at 5.30 in the morning, reaching New York not later than 2.30 in the afternoon. Cars will leave have york and arrive in Hartford on the same schedule.

These trucks will not only carry mail bags but the drivers are to be required to sell stamps and receive and deliver registered matter and also to take care of the registry of mail along the route. The contracts are to run until June 30, 1921, and the contractors are to be required to furnish bonds of \$20,000. erference by strikers with the offered the protection the traction company deemed necessary and it is

GERMANY MADE PEACE OVERTURES IN SEPTEMBER

Foreign Secretary Balfour Is Tole the House of Commons. London, Dec. 11.—Foreign Secretary Balfour told the house of commons today that a communication had been received by Great Britain from Germany last September, through a neutral diplomatic channel, to the effect that Germany would be glad to get into communication with Great Britain in regard to page

ain in regard to peace.

The British government replied it was prepared to receive any communication the German government might decide to make, and to discuss

CONNECTICUT WILL SEND DOUBLE' ITS QUOTA

-4,305 Men Have Enlisted.

New Haven, Coun., Dec. 11.—Connecticut will send double its quota into the armies of the United States. When recruiting closed tonight the total accepted in this state stood at 4,365 and the number asked for is 2,-228. The rush to enlist continues and the total is expected to be well over 4,500 when recruiting closes Thursday afternoon. Notice was given here today that men of African descent may now secure good army berths by enlisting as mechanics or artisans.

7,000 TONS OF COAL DUMPED INTO LAKE Ashore Near Sheboygan, Wis.

Sheboygan, Wis., Dec. 11.—The coal argo of 7,000 tons of the steamer resque Isle which went ashore ten nlies north of here Sunday, was imped into the lake today after the loat commenced to leak badly. Action was taken in order to release the ressel to avert danger of the boat counding to pieces.

WOMAN'S PARTY MILITANTS Against Jail Officials of the Distric

Washington, Dec. 11.—Eight damage suits for \$50,000 each were filed to-day against the three commissioners who govern the District of Columbia and the superintendent of the jail here, by the Woman's Party militants recently imprisoned for picketing the White House. The women charged assault and conspiracy.

Sultan of Turkey III.

Jeneva Dec. 11.—Despatches reved here by way of Vienna report

the sultan of Turkey is seriously

### Cabled Paragraphs

Crew of Schooner Forbin Saved. St. John, N. B., Dec. 11.—A steamer arriving here today with officers and nen returning from the front brought the crew of the Quebec steamer Forbin, abandoned in a foundering condition 55 miles off Cape Race, N. F.

China Sends Protest to Japan. Peking, Monday, Dec. 10.—The Chiese government has protested to apan in a note against the Japanese stablishment of civil administration Shantung territory outside of the sing-Tau area. The postponement of settlement of this question until af-

PRESIDENT IS STUDYING

THE RAILROAD SITUATION Today He Will Confer With the Mem bers of the Railroad War Board.

public utterance on the railroad situ-ation, President Wilson tonight authorchange in the present plan of dealing with the transportation systems was with the transportation systems was necessary the first word on the subject would be addressed to congress. Tomorrow the president will see the members of the Railroad War Board, who asked for a conference today to submit information. The board, which speaks for the American Railway Association, holds that the railroads themselves can work out unification for the war without government control and without repeal of nent control, and without repeal of anti-pooling laws or a governmen

loan.

It developed tonight Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohlo railroad and chairman of the government's war industries board, had asked the heads of the four railroad employes' brotherhoods to meet him here tomorrow for a conference. Mr. Wil-lard said his purpose was to talk about uestions pending before the indus-ries board, but the fact that the broth-brhood leaders would be here gave rise

CONVENTION OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Members Will March on the Cap itol in Washington Today.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Four hundred women gathered here for the 49th an-nua! convention of the National Amer-ican Woman Suffrage Association will march on the capitol tomorrow to present arguments to their state congressional delegations in favor of the passage of the federal suffrage amend-under the bridge, starboard. present arguments to their state con-gressional delegations in favor of the passage of the federal suffrage amend-ment, reported today by the house ju-diciary committee without recommend-

ation.

The executive council it was learned today, probably will recommend to the convention, which begins formally tomorrow, that if the suffrage amendment is defeated at this session, the association enter the congressional election nevt year in an effort to elect any with members forwardly to elect enough members favorable to suffrage to insure passage of the amendment by the succeeding conmotor vehicles for transportation of

DETAILS OF SINKING OF

DESTROYER JACOB JONES pleted Target Practice.

Base of the American Flotilla in British Waters, Dec. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American torpedo destroyer Jacob Jones was torpedoed just after she had completed target practice. The torpedo struck the destroyer admidships, blowing the after part of the vessel to pieces. Some fifty men engaged in that part of the ship were killed. The remaining members of the crew got away on farts and life boats, in which they remained until the next morning, when the rescue steamer arrived.

Several of the men died from exposure, while others suffered severely during the seventeen hours in the boat. The survivors of the disaster are reported to be doing well.

GOVERNMENT FUND TO

BUY FARM LOAN BONDS May Be Established to Strengthen Agricultural Loan System.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A \$50,000,000 government fund with which to buy farm loan bonds may be established by congress as a means of strengthening the agricultural loan system

If the fund is not created the alternative probably will be the raising of the interest rate to 5 per cent. In anticipation of the possibility of such action, the interest rate on loans to farms has been raised to 5 1-2 per cent.

Another modification of the farm loan system which will be sought of congress to increase from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the maximum which may be made by a land bank to any individ-

NEW NON-STOP RECORD FOR AIRPLANE FLIGHTS. Miss Katherine Stinson Made 610

Camps in Connecticut.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 11.—Enroute to West Palm Beach, Fla., to continue training for service in the American navy and merchant marine, the first dettachment of the United States junior naval reserve sailed from here tonight. Those composing the detachment attended the training camp conducted in Connecticut during October.

Another detachment, made up of boys from New York, and a third from New England states, are to be sent to the winter training camp soon.

Yeriden, Comm. Dec. 11.—Joseph S. Wilson, aged 47, slipped on the ice in the road just outside of his home here tonight and died a few minutes later. He had started downtown on an errand and took to the road for safer walking. The gutter was filled with intermediate to a broken neck. Mr. Wilson, aged 47, slipped on the ice in the road just outside of his home here tonight and died a few minutes later. He had started downtown on an errand and took to the road for safer walking. The gutter was filled with intermediate to a broken neck. Mr. Wilson, aged 47, slipped on the ice in the road just outside of his home here tonight and died a few minutes later. He had started downtown on an errand and took to the road for safer walking. The gutter was filled with intermediate to a broken neck. Mr. Wilson, aged 47, slipped on the ice in the road just outside of his home here tonight and died a few minutes later. He had started downtown on an errand and took to the road for safer walking. The gutter was filled with intermediate to a broken neck. Mr. Wilson, aged 47, slipped on the ice in the road just outside of his home here tonight and died a few minutes later. He had started downtown on an errand and took to the road for safer walking. The gutter was filled with in ten in ten minutes. The medical evaminer returned a finding of accidental death, due to a broken neck. Mr. Wilson, aged 47, slipped on the ice in the road just outside of his home here tonight and died a few minutes later. He had started downtown on an errand and took to the road f

### "Make it a Red Given Halifax

AN ARM OF THE SERVICE

Flames-Survivors of imo Tell of Cause of Collision-Looting Begur

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11,—With com-plete disregard for their own lives, in an effort to save this desolated city

Carried Deckload of Cil. The vessel carried a deckload of oil and as she came in close to shore with moke pouring from her superstructure the sight of her beeing crew stirred the watchers ashore to prompt action. A volunteer fire fighting force was quickly organized and the burning ship was boarded. After hard work the flames were extinguished. The crew remained ashore today, preferring the scant relief shelter provides in Dartmouth.

Since the explosion on the Mont Blanc, crews of French munition ver-sels are reported to be unwilling to enter Halfrax harbor. Statements by Two Survivors. According to statements obtained to-

day from survivors of the Norwegian steamer Imo, which collided with the Mont Blanc, the latter ship flew no red flag to indicate that she carried tries board, but the fact that the brotherhood leaders would be here gave rise
to general belief that they would be
called into some of the various confeernces on the big question of what
the government is going to do about
the railroads.

They declared
also that they were not aware that
the Mont Blanc was munitions-laden
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> Confused by Whistle Blasts. There was a slight mist, they said, and while in the narrows they heard two blasts, indicating that a ship was approaching on the Halifax side of the harbor, which was the wrong side. The Imo's course was directed toward the Dartmouth side and while taking that course they heard one blast, which in-dicated a vessel was on the right side.

Hope was abandoned today for sixty nen who were loading provisions on

sixty men were buried in the ruins.

In order to augment the police force and give the much overworked constables a chance to rest, a number of prominent were of the city undertook the work of regular constables to-

was discovered while searchers were removing the debris from the North street railway station. He had been caught between two beams, and beyond a few bruises was unhurt. It is presumed the man had been unconscious since Thursday. When placed on his feet he seemed dazed and asked what had happened. His identity has not been learned.

control, the military authorities will place a mounted patrol on the destroyed area to suppress looting. Today a number of freight cars were opened and liquor was stolen. One woman reported to the police that while unconscious she was robbed of \$100. Joseph Johnson, a fire department driver, who was thrown to the street from his engine by the explosion, had money taken from his pockets.

Since Thursday Halifax has been practically cut off from mail communication with the outside world. The few officials able to work at the post-office, with the condition the building is in, have been unable to sort the mails.

mails.

The city began the task of clearing the streets of the sands of tons of broken glass. Interments took place all day at the cemeteries.

A scare was caused today when one of the, walls of the building housing a number of American doctors was found to be in a very dangerous condition and likely to collapse. It was shored up after the occupants had been ordered out.

MONTHLY REPORT OF

STATE BUREAU OF LABOR

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 11.—The report of the state bureau of labor for the month ending November 30 shows that in the five free agencies 3,822 persons applied for work and of these 2,894 were secured positions. During the month 3,246 persons applied for workers. The percentage of applicants who were placed at work was 75.7 against 77.3 for October.

GENERAL STRIKE OF UNION

Has Been Ordered For Thursday

# Cross Christmas"

PRESIDENT WILSON APPEALS TO PEOPLE TO BECOME MEMBERS

Washington, Dec. 11.—With the slo-gan "Make It a Red Cross Christmas," an effort will be made to add ten nuilion new members to the five now in the organization. week has been allotted to the intensive effort the Red Cross has made to en

President Wilson's Appeal. The president's appeal is as follows the People of the

States: "Ten million Americans are invited to join the American Red Cro. auring the week ending with Christman eve. The times require that every branch of our great national effort shall be loyally upheld, and it is peculiarly fitting that at Christmas season the Hed Cross should be the branch through which your willingness to help is expressed.
"You should join the American Red
Cross because it alone can carry the
pledges of Christmas good will to the

who are bearing for us the real bur-dens of the world war both in our army and navy and in the nations upon whose territory the issues of the world war are being fought out. Your evidence of faith in this work is necessary for their heartening and cheer. Aid in Relief of Suffering.

"You should join the Red Cross be-cause this arm of the national service is steadfastly and efficiently maintain. ing the overseas relief in every suf-fering land, administering our millions wisely and well and awakening the gratitude of every people. Our con-science will not let us enjoy the Christ-mas season if this pledge of support to our cause and the world's weal is left unfulfilled. Red Cross member-ship is the Christmas spirit in terms of action. "WOODROW WILSON,

President Cross." the American

FURTHER REDUCTION OF

ALCOHOL IN BEER Beer Brewed After Jan. 1 Will Conta Only 2 3-4 Per Cent.

men who were loading provisions on the steamer Pictor at the Acadia sugar refinery at the time of the distater. There were shells on the ship and when fire broke out on the Mont Blanc they decided to put the covers on the holds though most of them knew the Mont Blanc carried high explosives.

As the shock came, the pier to which the ship was moored collapsed, a mass of wreckage. It is believed the sixty men were buried in the ruins. In order to augment the police force and give the much overworked constables a chance to rest, a number of prominent men of the city undertook

production of malt liquor unless he se-Man Found Alive in the Ruins.

A man who survived the explosion was found among the ruins today. He discovered while searchers were content and no person shall import any deliver a pronuncianto on the questions. such liquor except under license to be tion of peace.

MEETING OF SAVINGS

BANK ASSOCIATION Was Addressed by Alfred L. Aiken of

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 11.—At the onnual meeting of the Savings Bank Association of Connecticut held here today, S. Fred Strong of New Haven was re-elected president. Other officers chosen were: Willis S. Lyon, of Bridgeport, first vice president; Arthur L. Allin, Middletown, second vice president: Arthur T. Nettleton, Newtown, third vice president; William J. Lum, Wallingford, secretary; Harvey J. Brooks, Deep River, treasurer. The executive committee chosen follows: John H. Wadham, Torrington; George H. Stoughton, Hartford; Charles F. Harwood, Stafford Springs; Frank E. Robinson, Jewett City; Edward H. Deming, Farmington.

The meeting was addressed by Alfred L. Aiken, governor of the federal Reserve Bank of Boston on Savings and War Finance, and John E. Oldham on Public Utifity Bonds as Savings Bank Investments. Bankers from passely avery town in the state were

ings Bank Investments. Bankers from

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 11.—In closing the day's hearing on the six cent fare before the public utilities commission this afternoon John K. Punderford, vice president and general manager, exhibited a chart showing the increase in cost of maintenance and operation that has come about recently. His testimony dealt largely with the features of labor and material. Of labor he said that when the Connecticut company was organized it only paid half as much per hour for labor on a ten hour basis as it now paid on a nine hour schedule.

EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS ARE GROWING HEAVIER

Washington, Dec. 11.—Exports of foodstuffs from the United States for the ten months ending in October to talled \$1,302,244,046, figures announced tonight by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce show. For the same period last year the total was \$865,942,176. Exports of foodstuff in October of this year exceeded \$98,000,000.

Times meantime the city will be used. British military occupation and will be under martal law.

A resolution by Senator Overman asking the secretary of war whether there are any military rules prohibiting the mingling of officers and privates socially when off duty or which would tend to caste distinction was adopted by the senate.

### Condensed Telegrams

The German army possesses about

News from the frontier indicates that quiet prevails throughout Port-A general increase in prices of Utah coal at the mine was granted by the fuel administration.

The second relief steamer to leave Boston for Halifax sailed yesterday carrying goods valued at 150,000.

C. W. Cook of San Francisco was named director of operations for the shipping board on the Pacific coast.

Snow fell in Birmingham, Ala., and throughout the state yesterday, fol-lowing an unusually severe cold spell.

Street fighting has occurred in Mos-ow and the Swedish consul there has

dvised all Swedes to leave the city. The capture of a carrier pigeon, under whose wing was a message in German, was reported to the police at

Difficulties which threatened a strike of 2.300 telegraphers employed by the and Ohlo Railroad

Perograd newspapers say that Chinese troops have arrived at Harbin, Manchuria, to protect Chinese in-

The British casualties reported for the week ending yesterday numbered 23,356, as compared with 28,822 in the An increase of ten cents a ton

coal prices at the mines in middle Tennessee was announced by the fuel Alexander Von Girsewald, former German consul at Seattle, was arrected as a dangerous alien, according to federal authorities.

Two million dollars will be advanced by the war and navy department to the Bethlehem Steel Company on mu-

Every American soldier in France, icluding those attached to the French and British armies, will receive Christmas gift bag.

Judge Alexander Dowling, 80, judge of the supreme court of Indiana from 1899 to 1905 was found dead in his of-

Former Premier Asquith strongly endorsed President Wilson's message as clearly expressing the intentions and desires of the allies.

It is reported at Eagle Pass, Tex., that Mexican forces headed by Gut-errez an independent I eader, have captured Monclova, Mexico.

Strong support is being given the press of Rome to a proposal made by several organizations to name a street of Rome after President Wilson. British tonnage completed in the north of November was within meas-reable distance of the tonnage losses

in that period by enemy attacks. The Western Union Teagraph com

Samuel Strouss, 31 years old, an in-mate of a large boarding house in Bridgeport has been isolated by the health authorities because of his being afflicted with smallpox.

Two hundred thousands persons took part in a demonstration before the American embassy at Rome. Among the speakers was Congressman Fiorello la Guardia of New York.

In the house of commons today the chancellor of the exchequer, Andrew Bonar Law, will move a credit of £550,000,000, bringing the total for the scal year 1917-18 to £2,450,000,000. Police investigation resulted in the identification of a decomposed body found buried near the Du Pont plant at Hopewell, Va., as that of W. J.

The correspondent at Amsterdam of the London Daily Express reports that the Germans are rushing troops to the western front with the idea of smash-ing the entente allies before America is able to act.

The situation in Moscow is reported to be grave, according to a Times despatch from Petrograd. The garrison shows signs of insubordination and is reported to be disobeying the Bol-

The Cossacks are preparing to fight, the Petrograd correspondent of the London Daily Mail reports. Three trainloads of Cossacks are said to be at Bielgorod and three at Sumy, com-

Under the will of Oscar Lewisohn, who died at his home in New York December 3, the widow, who was formerly Edna May, the actress, is bequeathed \$125,000. Mr. Lewisohn's wealth had been estimated at \$5,000,000.

A volume written by Samuel De Champlain in 1603 on his explorations in Canada, entitled "Des Sauvauges," which was bought several years ago in a book store for 30 cents, was sold for \$3,600 at a book sale in New York vesterday No attempt will be made to define the future position of Jerusalem until a general peace comes, the London Times says it understands. In the meantime the city will be treated as in British military occupation and will be under martal law.

General increases in freight rates on manufactured fron and steel, billeta, pig iron and scrap iron amounting to somewhat less than 15 per cent, were sought by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in an application filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

## THIRTEEN NEGRO SOLDIERS HANGED

For Murder of Houston Citizens While in Mutinous Raid Last August

#### FORTY-ONE OTHER NEGROES GOT LIFE SENTENCE

Four Others Were Sentenced for Short Terms and Five Were Acquitted-The Condemned Negroes Who Had Known Thir Fate Since Sunday, Displayed Neither Bravado or Fear-They Rode to the Execution Singing a Hymn as Soldiers Sing When on a March-The Execution Took Place at Fort Sam Houston, Tex .- It is Expected That Other Courtsmartial Will Follow for the Houston Raid.

San Antonio, Texas, Dac. 11 .- Thir-teers of the southern depart teen negroes, soldlers of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, were the city or the army tamp hanged simultaneously at dawn today the execution. The other in expiation of their murder of Hous- fendants were ignorant of the ton citizens last August when mem- their companions until bers of that regiment engaged in mu-tinous rioting in the city's streets.

Forty-one other negroes were sen
The condemned men were Dressed As If For Inspection The condemned men were arouse tenced to life imprisonment; four others for short terms / 1 five years ac-

quitted. In the dark of the night army moor trucks conveyed the lumber for the camp where nearly forty the scaffold to a little clearing in a ione-ly mesquite thicket on the big gov-ernment reservation, where the ne-

Erected Death Traps.

And there, by the light of bondres, army engineers erected the death fear. traps to w. b., at 5 o'clock in the ing a hymn, but the singing was morning other motor trucks hurrled that of soldiers on the march. Are the condemned negroes and the officers ed at the clearing, the singing stops and men of the military guard. It was the men, shackled, were helped from the army motor truck, the only inci-the trucks to the scalfold and seated on chairs. A low "good-bye boys," ad-A vessel flying the American flag, believed to be a herring fisherman from Gloucester, Mass., went ashore hear Codrey, N. F.

Index Alexander Doubling 80 index believed to be a herring fisherman code of the care to the time and the place of the gross since they were brought here that so quickly obliterated all traces of the execution and carried the dead of the execution and carried the execution and carried bodies to a place nearby which is as indistinguishable as the execution site. before the official announcement had been made of bow the order of the courtmartial had been carried out.

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hanging just as the castern sky was streaking with gray through the norning clouds, the bleak landscape of dull gray and bronze egainst the new timbers of the rough seafford stood out, the khaki-clad military guard, officers with coat collars upturned against the cold, all made an unforgettable picture. But now, one might tramp for hours over the brush-cover the brush-cover the military reservation without finding either execution site ill gray and bronze egainst the new without finding either execution site or place of burial, though the hanging occurred not more than a hundred of the trial in the nature of wards from both houses which have ings at a few negro churches. the Saldo Creek for men of the nation-

al army cantonment at Camp Travis. All Were Stoical. condemned negroes had known worth. their fate since Sunday.

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ELECTIONS IN SIXTEEN MASSACHUSETTS CITIES An Unchanged Lineup on Liquor Li- Their Value Far Exceeds That o

cense Maintained. Boston, Dec. 11.—An unchanged lineup on the liquor license was maintained by the sixteen Massachusetts cities
holding elections today. In contrast
with the overturns of the municipal
elections last week, when four of the
eighteen cities were swung from dry to
wet, the twelve cities which opposed
license last year adhered to their policy today and the four cities favoring
licenses maintained their former at-

The license cities are Chelsea, Law-rence, Lowell and Worcester, The dry cities are Attleboro, Beverly, Everett, Lynn, Maiden, Medford, Melrose, New-Three republican mayors were elected: Charles W. Eldridge, is Somerville; Wilfred D. Gray in Woburn and P. G. Holmes-in Worcester.

OBLIGED TO ENLARGE RECRUITING STATION Because of Rush of Men to Hartford.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 11.—Such a rush to enlist came to the local United States army recruiting station today that the officer in charge was compelled to engage a large office adjoining his quarters to take care of the applicants. During the day 34 of those applicants. During the day \$4 of those examined were passed and sent away, and tomorrow an even bigger day's work is anticipated. Today many of the men enlisted were those who had been called under the first draft and most of them entered the coast "rtillery service. Enlisting here will end at 6 o'clock Thursday evening.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Investigators of the federal trade commission left here tonight for various sections of the country to begin an inquiry directed by Commissioner Victor Murdock into reported speculation in food-

MUNITIONS FACTORY IN

Frankfort-on the Main. London, Monday, Dec. 10.—Germany suffered a disaster compary lie with a very serious military defeat in the explosion last mouth which destroyed the Griessein chemical works near Frankfort-on-the-Main, one of the greatest munitions increase in the world, according to a statement is sued today by the Press Bureau. It is said to be impossible to reconstruct the works during the war. The statement adds that sooner or later Germany must show on her fighting fronts the effects of this staggering blow.

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regular army reveille, 5.30 o'clo military guard had been sum were sleeping except the purring of ly mesquite thicket on the big gov-ernment reservation, where the ne-groes, convicted by courtmartial, were to die.

inspection. Displayed No Fear. They displayed neither bravado

Army Chaplain Offered Prayer An army chaplain offered prayer. An officer called "Attention," were adjusted and then stepped on the traps. The major in charge of the execution gave a signal and soldiers

sprang the traps. Plunged Nino Feet

No announcement has been

The negroes plunged nine feet to inturn of the guard to camp, news of what had occurred did not spread through the camp or through the city created some demonstration among the negroes who had followed the progress

when the forty-one negro defendants given life sentence by the courtmar-tial will be taken to Fort Leaven-

RECORDS ESTABLISHED BY, CROPS OF COUNTRY.

Other Years,

son, due to early frosts, curtailed production of many crops.

Final estimates announced today by the department of agriculture show

the great corn crop to have been damaged to the extent of about 32,000,000 bushels by frost nevertheless corn production establishes a record this year with 3,159,494,000 bushels, while is value, also a record, is \$4,053,672.0.f. The wheat crop shows a decrease of about 9,000,000 bushels from previous forecasts. This year's crop is estimated at 650 \$28,000 bushels and its value at \$848.372,000.

Oats is a record crop with 1,587,285,000 bushels and a value of 12,061,427,-

The potato crop is the largest own grown with a total of 442,536,000 bushels, valued at \$543.865,000. Other crops whose production estab-lishes records are rye, sweet potatoes, beans, onions, cabbage and tobacco.

FEDERAL AGENTS AFTER FOODSTUFFS SPECULATORS.

dock into reported speculation in food-stuffs which Food Administrator Hoo-ver has charged with responsibility for shortages and high prices.

Destinations of the various agents were kept secret and nothing concern-ing their activities, will be made public.

All the secondary schools in Portugal are closed as the result of a strike.

East Berlin. — Although cars are scarce, the stone truarry continues shipment of crushed stone, and the plant is running daily.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Hundreds of thousands of acres of land in the United States, hitherto untilled, may be placed in cultivation, Secretary I Lane today reported to congress. An appropriation of \$1,900,000 was suggested for the purchase of seeds and other equipment and to make arrangements for working the land under the direction of the secretary.

A survey conducted by the department of the interior under authority of congress has shown that approximately 600,000 acres of land on various reclamation projects and large areas of Indian lands are susceptible of cultivation. ON TRIAL FOR VIOLATING FEDERAL FOOD LICENSES Two Wholesale Grocery Establish ments in New York.

New York, Dec. 11.—Trial of the first cases growing out of violations of federal food licenses in this city was conducted by the federal food board today when proprietors of two wholesale grocery establishments were arraigned on charges of extortion in the sale of sugar. Decision was reserved in both cases after the defendants had agreed to refund the overcharges to customers.

Herman Pwokis, one of the defendants, was charged with compelling customers to purchase other articles before they could obtain sugar, and the firm of Goldberg and Cohen was charged with having charged as high as 13 cents a pound for sugar.

JUNIOR NAVAL RESERVISTS

Miss Katherine Stinson Made 610

Miles in Nine Hours, Ten Minutes.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Miss Katherine Stinson, Texas aviatrix, established a new official American non-stop record for airplane flights when she arrived here late today from San Diego, Cal., covering the distance of 610 miles in nine hours and ten minutes.

Miss Stinson started at 7.31 a. m. from the North Island aviation grounds at San Diego and arrived at the Presidio military reservation at 4.41 p. m. The flight was made in a biplane with a triplane body.

MERIDEN MAN KILLED

BY FALL ON ICE

JUNIOR NAVAL RESERVISTS GOING TO PALM BEACH Joseph S. Wilson, 47, Died of a Brok Camps in Connecticut.

# **Another Scare**

BY STEAMER AFIRE SAID TO HAVE CARGO OF MUNITIONS

ABANDONED BY CREW A Group of Dartmouth Citizens Board-

ized the newspaper correspondents to say that he could not answer now the question as to whether he would adderess congress, but that he has given the matter most careful scrutiny and consideration and if he determined a consideration and if he determined a consideration and if he determined a consideration and if he determined as the constant of t

sion. They asserted the Mont Blanc was coming into the harbor on the wrong side when the collision occurred.

Hope Abandoned for Sixty Men.

At the request of the city board of control, the military authorities will

Warning was issued about picking up explosives after an accident this morning to Clifford Condran, a boy. He picked up a tube and struck it with a hammer. It exploded and injured him severely. He is not expected to recover.

sons—There Were 3,264 Applicants.

Morning-In Sympathy With Street

TROLLEY FARE HEARING CLOSED AT HARTFORD, sheviki commander. Chart of Increase in Cost.